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TO READ 13 THRU 16.

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WEATHER, RATHER IT IS THE EFFECTS OF SEVERAL CENTURIES OF
COLONIZATION AND IMPERIALISM. PRC DEL THEN NOTED ONE SUPER
POWER DUMPED LARGE QUANTITIES OF FOOD ON DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
AFTER WW II FORCING REDUCTION FOOD PRODUCTION AND INCREASING
DEPENDENCE ON IMPERIALISM. PRC DEL THEN STATED MAIN PROBLEM
FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS EXPLOITATION, MONOPOLY AND
IMPERIALISM AND THAT ECONOMIC PROGRESS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY
PEOPLE OF COUNTRIES, FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES OF SELF-
RELIANCE. STATED THAT WHILE THIS NOT NECESSARILY A REJECTION
OF FOREIGN AID WHICH IS NEEDED FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT,
CHINESE EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT SUCH AID MUST BE CAREFULLY
SELECTED.

12. PRC DEL THEN WENT INTO HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION OF HOW CHINESE
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PEOPLE HAVE ESCAPED IMPERIALISTIC ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED EARLIER.

STATED HE HAPPY THAT THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES ARE GIVING SAME EMPHASIS TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AS CHINESE AND THAT THEY MUST BE CUT LOOSE FROM THE PLUNDERING OF IMPERIALISM. STATED THAT PRC NEEDS TO HEAR FURTHER VIEWS OF ALL NATIONS ON WORLD FOOD AUTHORITY ESPECIALLY THOSE OF THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. PRC CLOSED WITH STATEMENT CRITICIZING IBRD FOR STILL INCLUDING REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

13. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES' STATEMENTS VARIED IN EMPHASIS. AUSTRALIA CALLED FOR CAUTION IN SETTING TARGETS AND CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE EXPANSION FAO EARLY-WARNING SYSTEM. NOTED THEIR CONSISTENT SUPPORT OF WORLD FOOD SECURITY EFFORTS, BUT WITH EMPHASIS ON PRICE STABILIZATION AND NEED TO NEGOTIATE DETAILS IN CONTEXT OF INTERNATIONAL GRAINS AGREEMENT IN MTN, AND THAT IMPROVED SYSTEMS OF FOOD AID REQUIRED TO ENSURE CONTINUITY OF EFFORTS. NORWAY AND SWEDEN EMPHASIZED NEED FOR NATIONAL NUTRITION POLICIES. SWEDEN PARTICULARLY ENDORSED IDEA OF NATIONAL STOCK-HOLDING, AND FAVORED STRENGTHENING OF WORLD FOOD PROGRAM. GERMANY ENDORSED IDEA OF NUTRITION POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RAISED QUESTIONS CONCERNING NEED FAO RESERVE PROPOSAL. NOTED THAT FOOD AID ONLY TEMPORARY AND SHOULD BE ABOLISHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. FRENCH AND EEC STATEMENTS SIMILAR, NOTING NEED FOR BETTER AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH FAO STOCKPILING PROPOSAL BUT STATING SEVERAL QUALIFICATIONS. BOTH DELS NOTED ISSUE OF RESERVES RELATE TO MARKET STABILIZATION AND MUST BE CAREFULLY NEGOTIATED BY ALL COUNTRIES CONCERNED WITH EMPHASIS ON TRADE AND PRICE IMPLICATIONS OF ANY AGREEMENT. EEC IN FAVOR RESTRUCTURING FOOD AID PROGRAMS ON BASIS OF EFFECTIVENESS AND LONGER TERM PROGRAMMING. PROMISED FURTHER POSITION ON THIS IN WFC. FRANCH NOTED FOOD AID NEEDED TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE AND THAT ALL NATIONAL AGRICULTURE PRODUCERS MUST BE INVOLVED IN AGRICULTURE INFORMATION SYSTEMS. BOTH DELS NOTED THAT TRADE PROBLEMS SHOULD BE DEALT WITH BY WFC TO EXTENT THAT THEY RELATE TO WFC ISSUES ON FOOD PRODUCTION AND FOOD SECURITY, BUT TRADE BASICALLY AN ISSUE FOR MTN.

14. AFTERNOON SESSION CLOSED WITH SHORT STATEMENT BY REPRESENTATIVE OF INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE PRODUCERS WHO CALLED FOR GOVERNMENT ACTION TO ASSIST AND INVOLVE UNCLASSIFIED

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FARMERS IN SOLVING WORLD FOOD PROBLEM AND CRITICIZED SHARPLY ABSENCE OF GOVERNMENT CONCERN RE FARMERS' WELFARE WHICH NOT REFLECTED IN PREPCOM THUS FAR.

15. BRIEF MEETING WORKING GROUP THEN HELD TO WRAP UP DISCUSSION PART A OF TERMS OF REFERENCE, I.E., FORMAT FOR PRESENTING RESULTS WFC. AGREED TWO DOCUMENTS WOULD BE PREPARED - ONE FULL REPORT OF CONFERENCE MOST LIKELY FOLLOWING USUAL UN REPORT

FORMAT, AND SECOND DOCUMENT BRIEFER, LESS FORMAL, HIGHLIGHTING REASONS FOR WFC, WHAT NEEDED DOING, AND MAIN ELEMENTS OF MAJOR PROPOSALS ADOPTED BY CONFERENCE. SEEMED AGREED THAT MAJOR QUOTE RESOLUTIONS UNQUOTE WOULD BE ACTED ON IN PLENARY, BUT THAT LESS IMPORTANT QUOTE RECOMMENDATIONS UNQUOTE WOULD BE INCORPORATED IN COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ONLY ACTED ON IN PLENARY IN APPROVING COMMITTEE REPORTS. IT WAS AGREED ASK SECRETARIAT ASSIGN RAPPORTEUR PREPARE DRAFT REPORT ON PART A FOR WORKING PARTY APPROVAL BASED ON CONSENSUS REACHED. NEXT WORKING PARTY MEETING ON MONDAY TO START DISCUSSION ON PART C TERMS OF REFERENCE, I.E., POSSIBLE CONTENT WFC CONFERENCE REPORTS.

16. BEGIN COMMENT: GOOD ATMOSPHERE OF PREPCOM THUS FAR EVIDENCED IN SMALL WAY BY REQUEST OF 77 THAT IN ABSENCE OF SIERRA LEONE CHAIRMAN OF WORKING GROUP, HEAD US DELEGATION CHAIR THIS MEETING WHICH HE DID. END COMMENT.
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